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# LIQ03 Notice of progress report in voluntary winding up





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Company name in full	Shanks Chemical Services Limited	bold black capitals.
2	Liquidator's name	
Full forename(s)	Malcolm	
Surname	Cohen	
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Building name/number	55 Baker Street	
Street	London	
Post town	W1U 7EU	
County/Region		
Postcode		
Country		
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	☑ The progress report is attached
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#### Presenter information

You do not have to give any contact information, but if you do it will help Companies House if there is a query on the form. The contact information you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

Contact name	Malcolm Cohen BDO LLP  55 Baker Street London		
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DX			
Telephone	020 7486 5888		

#### ✓ Checklist

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Please make sure you have remembered the following:

- The company name and number match the information held on the public Register.
- You have attached the required documents.
- You have signed the form.

#### Important information

All information on this form will appear on the public record.

#### Where to send

You may return this form to any Companies House address, however for expediency we advise you to return it to the address below:

The Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, Wales, CF14 3UZ. DX 33050 Cardiff.

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# Shanks Chemical Services Limited (In Liquidation) Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments

From 25/08/2016 To 24/08/2017	From 25/08/2016 To 24/08/2017		Declaration of Solvency
NIL	NIL NIL	ASSET REALISATIONS Intercompany Debtor	1.00
NIL	NIL		1.00
NIL		REPRESENTED BY	

#### Note:

On 27 October 2016, a first and final distribution in specie of a £2 intercompany debtor balance was received by the Company from a subsidiary in members' voluntary liquidation.

Malcolm Cohen Liquidator



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TO ALL SHAREHOLDERS

7 September 2017

Our Ref 7/SMB/shanks

Please ask for Sharon Bloomfield Telephone: 020 7893 2905 Email: sharon.bloomfield@bdo.co.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

Shanks Environmental Services Limited ('SES') - 04391804 Shanks Chemical Services Limited ('SCS') - 00934787 (together "the Companies") - All in Members' Voluntary Liquidation

This is my first annual progress report under Section 92A of the Insolvency Act 1986 ('the Act') and I am pleased to report on the progress of the liquidations for the period 25 August 2016 to 24 August 2017.

#### Statutory Information

I, Malcolm Cohen (officeholder number: 6825) BDO LLP, 55 Baker Street, London, W1U 7EU was appointed Liquidator of the Companies on 25 August 2016.

The Companies' registered numbers are detailed above. SES was incorporated on 11 March 2002 under its present name. SCS was incorporated on 2 July 1968 as Re-Chem International Limited, and was known as this until 28 April 1988 when the name was changed to Rechem International. The company was known as this until 17 May 1999 when the name was changed to its present style.

Prior to liquidation, the Companies' principal trading address and registered office was Dunedin House, Auckland Park, Mount Farm, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK1 1BU. Their registered office was changed to 55 Baker Street, London, W1U 7EU following my appointment.

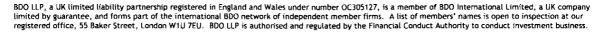
SCS is wholly owned by SES, and SES is wholly owned by Shanks Group plc (now Renewi plc).

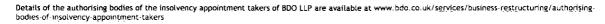
#### **Receipts and Payments**

There have been no receipts or payments in the period under review.

The declaration of solvency sworn by the Companies' directors detailed that the Companies' sole assets were £1 intercompany debtor balances each. SES' investment in SCS has been fully written down.

SCS also had an investment in a group company, Lothian Limited, which had been placed into members' voluntary liquidation on 14 December 2015. At the conclusion of Lothian's liquidation, a distribution in specie of a £2 intercompany debtor balance was made to SCS on 27 October 2016.







#### **Creditors**

Following my appointment I advertised in the London Gazette and Times newspaper for creditors to submit claims to my office by 26 September 2016. I did not receive any claims in this period.

#### HM Revenue & Customs ('HMRC')

I am required to obtain clearances from the corporation tax inspector, and also the Enforcement & Insolvency Service ('EIS') which issues VAT and PAYE clearances (as applicable) and which issues HMRC's claim for all taxes.

SCS was part of the Shanks VAT group and I ensured that the Company has been removed from the group with effect from the date of liquidation. In addition, SCS had previously operated a PAYE scheme but this had been closed prior to liquidation.

I was advised by Shanks' tax manager that SES was dormant for corporation tax purposes. SCS was required to file corporation tax returns for the periods up to the date of liquidation. In early June 2017 a request was made by Shanks' tax manager that the final period could be treated by way of correspondence. In addition I had received a penalty notice for the Company for £100. This has been successfully appealed as it was not due, and I received corporation tax clearances on 23 August 2017.

I have also received clearances from EIS for SES and am awaiting final clearances for SCS.

#### Other Matters

As a matter of course, following all liquidation appointments I am required to submit a s.120 form to the Pension Protection Fund ('PPF') to establish whether the Companies have any connections to pension schemes.

The result of this initial search showed that SCS was associated with a pension scheme, however my subsequent enquiries of Shanks confirmed that the company was no longer party to this scheme. The PPF have also confirmed that they will take no further action in this regard.

#### **Distributions and Future Prospects**

Distributions in specie of the intercompany debtor balances owed to the Companies will be made to their respective shareholders before the conclusion of the liquidations.

Once I have received final tax clearances from HMRC I will be in a position to issue my draft final report and accounts. If there are no queries regarding the draft report and accounts, then at the expiration of eight weeks from their issuing, they will be treated as final and filed at Companies House. The Companies' liquidations will conclude on the date that the report and accounts are placed on the Companies' file. I will obtain my release and vacate office as Liquidator on this same day.

#### Liquidator's Remuneration

The Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 ('the Rules') provide that a liquidator is obliged to have their remuneration approved on one of the following basis:

(1) as a percentage of the assets realised and distributed; and/or



- (2) by reference to the time the Liquidator and the staff have spent attending to matters in the liquidation; and/or
- (3) as a set amount; and/or
- (4) as a combination of the above.

My remuneration was approved on a time costs basis on the date of my appointment. Costs to date incurred by myself and my staff total £6,361.50 represented by 14.05 hours of work at an average hourly rate of £452.78. Please note that further costs will be incurred until the liquidations are closed.

My staff and I have spent time on matters arising in the normal course of the liquidations. The main areas dealt with include:

- liaising with the Companies and Shanks in relation to matters prior to the Liquidator's appointments;
- statutory reporting requirements to members;
- statutory reporting requirements to the Registrar of Companies;
- dealing with statutory advertising requirements;
- liaising with the Companies and Shanks to arrange submission of corporation tax returns and correspondence for the pre-liquidation periods, and removal of the penalty;
- correspondence with HMRC in order to confirm the SCS' removal from the VAT group;
- corresponding with Shanks and providing updates of the progress of the liquidations; and
- preparation of this annual progress report.

As the Company does not hold any cash assets, the costs of the liquidations including disbursements will be met by appropriate Shanks group company. I have invoiced the sum of £5,000 plus VAT and disbursements in this regard, and do not intend to raise any further invoice.

#### **Disbursements**

Where disbursements are recovered in respect of precise sums expended to third parties there is no necessity for these costs to be authorised. These are known as category 1 disbursements.

The sum of £1,231.92 has been incurred with respect of category 1 disbursements for the statutory advertising costs and the cost of indemnity bonding. No further disbursements are expected to be incurred.

#### Members' Rights

Members with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the members may within 21 days of this report request in writing further information regarding the remuneration and expenses set out in this report. In accordance with Rule 18.9(3) of the Rules within 14 days of a request I will provide further information or explain why further information is not being provided.

A member (who need not be the member who asked for the information) may, with the concurrence of at least 5% or more in value of the members (including the member in question), apply to the Court within 21 days of my response or the expiry for the period of my response and



the Court may make such order as it thinks fit (Rule 18.9(6)&(7) of the Rules). Members with the concurrence of at least 10% of the members may apply to the Court if they consider that the remuneration of the Liquidator, or the basis fixed for the remuneration of the Liquidator or expenses charged by the Liquidator are excessive (Rule 18.34 of the Rules). Such an application must be made within eight (8) weeks of receiving this report. The text of Rules 18.9 and 18.34 are set out at the end of this report.

The Insolvency Service has established a central gateway for considering complaints in respect of Insolvency Practitioners. In the event that you make a complaint to me but are not satisfied with my response then you should visit <a href="https://www.gov.uk/complain-about-insolvency-practitioner">https://www.gov.uk/complain-about-insolvency-practitioner</a> where you will find further information on how you may pursue the complaint.

The Liquidator is bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out all professional work relating to this appointment. A copy of the code is at <a href="http://www.icaew.com/en/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance/ethics/code-of-ethics-d">http://www.icaew.com/en/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance/ethics/code-of-ethics-d</a>

Members may access information setting out members' rights in respect of the approval of Liquidator's remuneration at <a href="https://www.r3.org.uk/what-we-do/publications/professional/fees">https://www.r3.org.uk/what-we-do/publications/professional/fees</a>

Please contact me or my colleague Sharon Bloomfield at 020 7486 5888 if you require further information.

Yours faithfully for and on behalf of the Companies

Malcolm Cohen Liquidator

Authorised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales in the UK



## Statement from the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 regarding the rights of creditors in respect of the Liquidators' fees and expenses:

#### Creditors' and members' requests for further information in administration, winding up and bankruptcy

- **18.9.**—(1) The following may make a written request to the office-holder for further information about remuneration or expenses (other than pre-administration costs in an administration) set out in a progress report under rule **18.4**(1)(b), (c) or (d) or a final report under rule **18.14**
  - (a) a secured creditor;
  - (b) an unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question);
  - (c) members of the company in a members' voluntary winding up with at least 5% of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at general meetings of the company;
  - (d) any unsecured creditor with the permission of the court; or
  - (e) any member of the company in a members' voluntary winding up with the permission of the court.
- (2) A request, or an application to the court for permission, by such a person or persons must be made or filed with the court (as applicable) within 21 days of receipt of the report by the person, or by the last of them in the case of an application by more than one member or creditor.
- (3) The office-holder must, within 14 days of receipt of such a request respond to the person or persons who requested the information by—
  - (a) providing all of the information requested;
  - (b) providing some of the information requested; or
  - (c) declining to provide the information requested.
- (4) The office-holder may respond by providing only some of the information requested or decline to provide the information if—
  - (a) the time or cost of preparation of the information would be excessive; or
  - (b) disclosure of the information would be prejudicial to the conduct of the proceedings;
  - (c) disclosure of the information might reasonably be expected to lead to violence against any person; or
  - (d) the office-holder is subject to an obligation of confidentiality in relation to the information.
- (5) An office-holder who does not provide all the information or declines to provide the information must inform the person or persons who requested the information of the reasons for so doing.
- (6) A creditor, and a member of the company in a members' voluntary winding up, who need not be the same as the creditor or members who requested the information, may apply to the court within 21 days of -
  - (a) the office-holder giving reasons for not providing all of the information requested; or
  - (b) the expiry of the 14 days within which an office-holder must respond to a request.
- (7) The court may make such order as it thinks just on an application under paragraph (6).

### Remuneration and expenses: application to court by a creditor or member on grounds that remuneration or expenses are excessive

- **18.34.**—(1) This rule applies to an application in an administration, a winding-up or a bankruptcy made by a person mentioned in paragraph (2) on the grounds that—
  - (a) the remuneration charged by the office-holder is in all the circumstances excessive;
  - (b) the basis fixed for the office-holder's remuneration under rules 18.16, 18.18, 18.19, 18.20 and 18.21 (as applicable) is inappropriate; or
  - (c) the expenses incurred by the office-holder are in all the circumstances excessive.
- The following may make such an application for one or more of the orders set out in rule 18.36 or 18.37 as applicable—
  - (a) a secured creditor,
  - (b) an unsecured creditor with either-
    - (i) the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors (including that creditor), or
    - (ii) the permission of the court, or
  - (c) in a members' voluntary winding up-
    - (i) members of the company with at least 10% of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at general meetings of the company, or
    - (ii) a member of the company with the permission of the court.



(3) The application by a creditor or member must be made no later than eight weeks after receipt by the applicant of the progress report under rule 18.3, or final report or account under rule 18.14 which first reports the charging of the remuneration or the incurring of the expenses in question ("the relevant report").

#### Applications under rules 18.34 and 18.35 where the court has given permission for the application

- 18.36.—(1) This rule applies to applications made with permission under rules 18.34 and 18.35.
- (2) Where the court has given permission, it must fix a venue for the application to be heard.
- (3) The applicant must, at least 14 days before the hearing, deliver to the office-holder a notice stating the venue and accompanied by a copy of the application and of any evidence on which the applicant intends to rely.
- (4) If the court considers the application to be well-founded, it must make one or more of the following orders—
  - (a) an order reducing the amount of remuneration which the office-holder is entitled to charge;
  - (b) an order reducing any fixed rate or amount;
  - (c) an order changing the basis of remuneration;
  - (d) an order that some or all of the remuneration or expenses in question is not to be treated as expenses of the administration, winding up or bankruptcy;
  - (e) an order for the payment of the amount of the excess of remuneration or expenses or such part of the excess as the court may specify by -
    - (i) the administrator or liquidator or the administrator's or liquidator's personal representative to the company, or
    - (ii) the trustee or the trustee's personal representative to such person as the court may specify as property comprised in the bankrupt's estate;
  - (f) any other order that it thinks just.
- (5) An order under paragraph (4)(b) or (c) may only be made in respect of periods after the period covered by the relevant report.
- (6) Unless the court orders otherwise the costs of the application must be paid by the applicant, and are not payable as an expense of the administration, winding up or bankruptcy.

#### Applications under rule 18.34 where the court's permission is not required for the application

- **18.37.**—(1) On receipt of an application under rule **18.34** for which the court's permission is not required, the court may, if it is satisfied that no sufficient cause is shown for the application, dismiss it without giving notice to any party other than the applicant.
- (2) Unless the application is dismissed, the court must fix a venue for it to be heard.
- (3) The applicant must, at least 14 days before any hearing, deliver to the office-holder a notice stating the venue with a copy of the application and of any evidence on which the applicant intends to rely.
- (4) If the court considers the application to be well-founded, it must make one or more of the following orders—
  - (a) an order reducing the amount of remuneration which the office-holder is entitled to charge;
  - (b) an order reducing any fixed rate or amount;
  - (c) an order changing the basis of remuneration;
  - (d) an order that some or all of the remuneration or expenses in question be treated as not being expenses of the administration or winding up or bankruptcy;
  - (e) an order for the payment of the amount of the excess of remuneration or expenses or such part of the excess as the court may specify by -
    - (i) the administrator or liquidator or the administrator's or liquidator's personal representative to the company, or
    - (ii) the trustee or the trustee's personal representative to such person as the court may specify as property comprised in the bankrupt's estate;
  - (f) any other order that it thinks just.
- (5) An order under paragraph (4)(b) or (c) may only be made in respect of periods after the period covered by the relevant report.
- (6) Unless the court orders otherwise the costs of the application must be paid by the applicant, and are not payable as an expense of the administration or as winding up or bankruptcy.